GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2676
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ASHRAM SCHOOLS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ashram Schools specially built in tribal dominated areas of Orissa are facing dearth of funs for modernization;

(b) if so, the steps taken for increasing the literacy rate in those areas;

(c) the number of Ashram Schools established in each State during last three years; and

(d) the amount of funds allocated to Orissa for development of Ashram Schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `Construction of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan areas`, the Ashram Schools are constructed on 50:50 fund-sharing basis between Centre and the State Governments. Under this scheme, there is no provision of funding for modernization of these schools. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also not received any report from Orissa Government regarding shortage of funds for modernization of such schools.

(b) The increase in literacy rate is not prima facie linked to the modernization of the Ashram Schools. However, schemes in the area of education like construction of Boys Hostels and Girls Hostels for STs, Post Matric Scholarship for STs, Establishment of Ashram Schools in TSP areas, Educational Complexes for Girls in the Low Literacy Pockets, Model Residential Schools etc. are funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to raise the education level in tribal areas.

(c) Information is at Annexure-A.

(d) Information is at Annexure-B.

Annexure-A

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2676 for 19-12-2003 tabled by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab and Sh. Suresh Chandel regarding Ashram Schools.

Number of Ashram Schools sanctioned during last three years to various State Govts.

S.N. Name of the State Govt. Number of Ashram Schools

2000-01 2001-02 2002-03

1. Andhra Pradesh 0 7 -

2. Assam 0 - -

3. Gujarat 0 43 -

4. Himachal Pradesh 0 - -

5. Daman and Diu 0 - -
6. Kerala 0 - -

7 Madhya Pradesh 0 - 130

8.	Manipur	0	-	-
9.	Orissa	0	-	-
10.	Rajasthan	0	-	-
11.	Tamil Nadu	0	-	-
12.	Tripura	0	1	-
13.	Uttar Pradesh	0	-	-
14.	Karanataka	0	9	5
15.	Maharashtra	0	-	-
16.	Chhatishgarh	0	46	-
	Total	0	106	135

Annexure-B

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2676 for 19-12-2003 tabled by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtaband Sh. Suresh Chandel, regarding Ashram Schools.

(The amount of funds allocated to Orissa for establishment of Ashram Schools from 1992-93 to 2002-03.)

(Amount in Lakhs)

S.N.	Year	Amount released
1	1992-93	42
2	1993-94	16.2
3	1994-95	60
4	1995-96	70
5	1996-97	60
6	1997-98	50
7	1998-99	40
8	1999-2000	-
9	2000-01	-
10	2001-02	-
11	2002-03	-
	Total	338.2